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Softball squad announces team, league awards

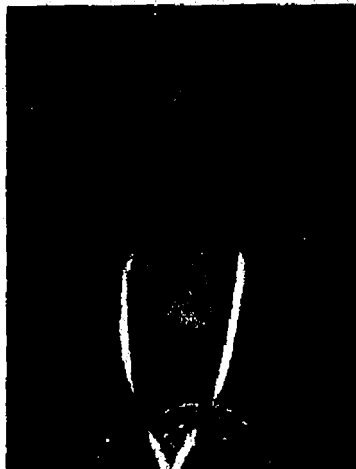


Grayling High School's varsity softball squad recently announced its team and all-conference award honorees for the 2009 season.

Joni Bindschatel won the squad's MVP award. Most Improved went to Makenna Harwood. Sam Schreiber was Miss Hustle.

The Vikings had two all-league selections in the Lake Michigan Conference. Bindschatel was all-conference. Cayla Johnson was an all-league honorable mention. **12A**

50 boys take part in camp



Fifty boys in grades 3-8 participated in a basketball camp at Grayling High School on June 22-24.

The camp, conducted by Rich Moffit, head boys basketball coach at GHS, featured instruction and games. Players competed in a 3 on 3 tournament, a 5 on 5 tournament, and a hot shot contest (one minute to score as many points as possible). The camp included two divisions: college (grades 3-6) and pro (grades 7-8). **13A**

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62nd AuSable Marathon likely to surpass 2008, 2007 marks of 76, 75 teams

A Broken Record

More than 80 teams expected for 2009 race

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

In 2007, during the event's 60th anniversary, 75 paddling teams – a new record at the time – started the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. In 2008, 76 teams started the race. This year, more than 80 teams are expected, a mark that would establish a new record for the

third consecutive year.

As of Wednesday, July 1, 80 teams were registered for the 62nd AuSable River Canoe Marathon – a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda slated for July 25-26. (Eighty-four teams were signed up as of Monday, July 6.)

"Eighty – and we're still not done," said John Lucey, Chairman

of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee, a few days before the second registration cutoff. "This year is going to be a wild and crazy one, that's for sure."

The second cutoff was Saturday, July 4, and the third (and final) cutoff is Monday, July 20.

"I wouldn't be surprised at 90, but I think 85 is probably the number,"

Lucey said, attempting to forecast the final tally for this year's probable record field.

Joe Wakeley, Secretary of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee, agreed. "Possibly 85," he said.

"It'll be another good year. We're hoping for good weather and lots of

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FOURTH OF JULY FUN

The Grayling Youth Booster Club provided an array of activities in the AuSable River City Park for the Fourth of July. Above, Tristen Seeley, age 2, of Frederic, was content to play on a huge pile of sand placed by the pavilion in the park.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Former sheriff's deputy placed under house arrest for pot charge

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A former Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy arrested for selling marijuana to a police informant was placed under house arrest Monday rather than serving time in jail due to his medical conditions.

46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen placed William John Bonkowski III under house arrest for 30 days and gave him credit for two days previously served in jail. Allen held an addition 60 days of house arrest in abeyance pending the completion of Bonkowski's one-year probation sentence. Finally, Allen ordered Bonkowski to pay \$1,433 in fines and court costs.

Bonkowski plead guilty to maintaining a drug house in Crawford County Circuit Court in April. The charge is a two-year, high-court misdemeanor and is treated like a felony charge by the Michigan Department of Corrections and judicial officials.

In exchange for the plea, two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana were dropped. Those charges were four-year felonies.

Last month, Allen said that Bonkowski's sentence would include probable jail time. Allen, however, deviated from recommended jail time after taking input from James Hunt, Bonkowski's defense attorney, and Crawford County Prosecutor Trey "Everette" Ayers.

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Scotland Scouts stay overnight in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling Boy Scouts got a bit of Scottish culture last week.

The Scotland Scouts from Group #72nd Glasgow were in Grayling on Tuesday, June 30 while on a tour of North America.

The Boy Scout Troop was hosted by Mike Kane, a former leader for Boy Scout Troop #992, which was based out of Camp Grayling.

The Scotland Scouts flew into Toronto on Friday, June 26. The troop had stays in Mississauga, Ontario, and Stratton, Ontario before coming for their stay in Grayling. The troop then traveled through the Upper Peninsula to the Gardner Dam Scout Camp in Wisconsin. They traveled for an overnight stay in Chicago. The troop then headed east with overnight stays planned along the way and Pennsylvania as their destination. They planned to visit Washington D.C. and New York City before returning to Toronto for their flight home.

Leaders of the troop contacted Kane through Camp Grayling when they were seeking a place to rest during their trip.

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The Scotland Scouts from Group #72nd Glasgow were in Grayling on Tuesday, June 30 while on a tour of North America. Above, the Troop was joined by members of Grayling Boy Troops #995 and #979 around a campfire where they enjoyed fellowship and sang songs.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There were two lanes open on the Business Loop – one northbound and one southbound – during the Fourth of July weekend, but James Seely will go back to one southbound lane early this week

(Tuesday, according to the City of Grayling).

There will be one lane open on the Business Loop for southbound traffic from M-72 East to M-72 West. Northbound traffic for this area will

continue to be detoured through Maple Street. There is a temporary traffic light at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Maple Street.

On Thursday, southbound traffic is scheduled to change to the newly

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Allen also reviewed letters from Bonkowski's physician, Dr. Fred Korneli.

Allen noted that Bonkowski has end stage renal disease - secondary to polycystic kidney disease, a condition he was born with which caused cysts to form on his kidneys. Both of his kidneys have been removed and he undergoes dialysis three times a week. He also has aortic valve disease, which forced Bonkowski to undergo two heart surgeries to replace a valve in his heart.

Allen further said that Bonkowski is prescribed and authorized to use 17 different medications. Korneli said that Bonkowski needed to be monitored by someone with medical training for any side effects, complications and drug interactions related to taking the medications, and should be evaluated by a physician for any minor changes in his condition. An interrup-

tion in Bonkowski's dialysis could result in severe medical consequences, including death. Also, Korneli said that any variance in Bonkowski's diet and fluid restrictions could result in congestive heart failure or lethal cardiac arrhythmia related to his kidney disease. Finally, Korneli said that Bonkowski's immunity is compromised, making him prone to infections and requiring him to be isolated from inmates with infections or cold and flu symptoms.

Ayers said that Scott Feldhauser, the Crawford County Jail administrator, and Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield both had concerns about keeping Bonkowski in the Crawford County Jail due to the lack of medical resources.

"He is too ill to be in a jail setting - he really is," Ayers said. "He needs to be out where he get the proper diet, proper medications and be able to go the hospital."

Hunt said he checked with officials at the

Leelanau, Kalkaska and Grand Traverse County Jails. He said the Grand Traverse County Jail has a part-time nurse and an on-call doctor, but could only utilize an ambulance service to provide around the clock care for Bonkowski.

"As long as Bill can get to his treatments and to his medical appointments, I think that is the main concern right now," Hunt said.

Bonkowski was arrested in February 2008 as part of a drug round up conducted by the Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) and Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies with the use of an undercover informant.

Hunt stressed that the marijuana Bonkowski sold was for his own use and there were no signs of drug paraphernalia, a distribution system or other contacts related to drug trafficking.

Hunt said Bonkowski was being sympathetic to a life-long friend who was suffering from cancer. He added that the friend agreed to work with police in exchange for a drug dealing charge being dropped from his record.

"The only reason he got involved in this was because he thought his friend needed this for his medical condition," Hunt said.

In a prepared statement read to Allen, Bonkowski apologized to his parents, family and friends for the anxiety, embarrassment and disappointment he has caused them. He also apologized to the court for the resources spent over the last 17 months on his case.

"I allowed my distress over my deteriorating health to cloud my judgement and I wish I had been stronger than that," he said.

Bonkowski further stated this his sympathy for his friend also skewed his judgement.

"I should have been stronger, wiser and less vulnerable, and I wish very much I had been," he said. "I have hurt many people and hurting anyone is the last thing I wanted to do."

Since entering into the plea agreement, Bonkowski has obtained a card from Michigan Department of Community Health through Michigan's Medical Marijuana Law which allows him to possess and use marijuana.

Bonkowski said he started smoking marijuana late in 2007 after learning it was used for medicinal purposes legally in California. He said he discussed using marijuana with his doctor and opted to go that route to deal with excessive weight loss, lack of appetite, nausea and depression.

Michigan's controlled substance laws typically restrict people on probation from possessing drugs, but an exception is being made in Bonkowski's case since he has the medical marijuana card.

Bonkowski's driver's license, however, was suspended for 30 days under the controlled substance laws. He will be able to get a restricted license, which will allow him to travel to his medical appointments, after the months suspension.

Bonkowski worked as a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy between September 1996 and December 2006. He retired from his position due to his medical issues.

Bonkowski was a school liaison officer during his tenure with the sheriff's department, assigned to the AuSable Primary School and the Grayling Elementary School from 2001 to 2004. Part of his duties as the school officer included teaching the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to children.

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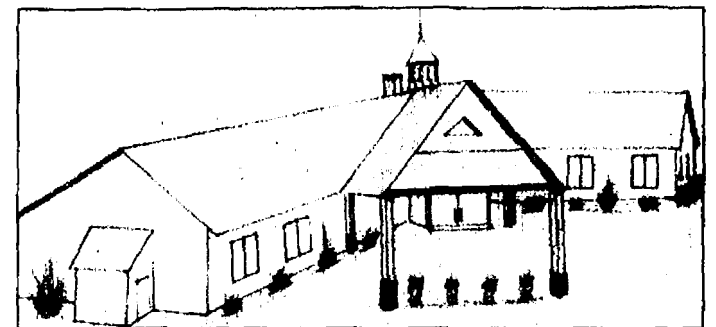


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Grayling's Fourth of July festivities kicked off with a parade down Michigan Avenue. Above, a horse and cart decorated in red, white and blue brought up the tail end of the parade. Left, Dean and Barb McCray sold hot dogs to help support the Grayling Senior Center.

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What will happen if both propositions pass? The ballot language specifically states that if they both pass, then "the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative (yes) votes shall prevail (be chosen)".

COA Director, Alice Snyder will be reviewing the plans for both propositions at the following presentations:

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Above, a beaver dinner in the 1960's was prepared by Ruth Caid, Lovells Township Supervisor Fred Schaibly and Margie Harwood Thomson for Roy Scott's Bar. The Lovells Township Historical Society will hold its third-annual Beaver, Beer and Banjo Dinner from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 18 at the Riverside Tavern.

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Free beef and beaver barley stew, prepared by Dixie Dave Miner of Birch Run, will be served with rolls. Beer and other beverages may be purchased from the Riverside Tavern.

"It's like an old country

get-together with a special meal that has historic value to town of Lovells," said Glen Eberly, secretary for the Lovells Township Historical Society.

Barry VanGuilder, a famed banjo player who attended the original beaver dinners, will play banjo music and sing. VanGuilder used to live in Lovells, but now resides in Grayling.

The event is free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Anna Biernat Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will aid a local college student with their school expenses.

Biernat was a member of the Lovells Township

Historical Society Board of Directors and chairwoman of the of the Historical Society's membership committee. A Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener since 1996, Biernat maintained the gardens at the Lovells Township Historical Society Museum. Biernat passed away on November 23, 2008 at her home in Lovells after a battle with cancer.

"The Lovells Township Historical Society really appreciated everything Anna did," Eberly said. "She was concerned about education and programs for young people. We felt it was appropriate to establish this scholarship in her honor to help a local college stu-

dent."

A brief annual business meeting for the Lovells Township Historical Society members will be held at 5:30 p.m.

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

What comes next for Sarah Palin?

ALASKA GOVERNOR Sarah Palin is an intriguing personality.

Ever since she was plucked from relative political obscurity by Republican presidential nominee John McCain about a year ago to run for vice president, Ms. Palin has created a distinct aura completely her own.

Fresh and unknown to most Americans at that time, she is still relatively fresh and unknown today, even after the intensity and continuous public spotlight of a hotly contested but losing presidential campaign.

Has it only been a year since Sarah Palin burst into national consciousness?

Actually it's only been 11 months since Sen. McCain and the Republican convention put Sarah Palin on the national ticket. Love her or hate her – and there is precious little space between those extremes – Sarah Palin continues to surprise and intrigue the American public.

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NOW SHE'S done it again, announcing she will resign as governor of Alaska, without completing even her first term in that job.

She outlined no substantial reasons for the decision, nor revealed other plans she might have in

mind. Instead she talked about serving the country as a private citizen, and working toward "positive change outside government" as a citizen without a title.

In a hastily called press conference at her home in Wasilla that was missed by much of the media which usually covers her official activities, she said that since she had decided not to run for re-election next year, she may as well step aside now.

"I also felt that to embrace the conventional lame duck status in this particular climate would just be another dose of politics as usual, something I campaigned against and will always oppose," her official statement said.

"Many just accept that lame-duck status, and they hit that road," she said. "They draw a paycheck. They kind of milk it. And I'm not going to put Alaskans through that."

"I cannot stand here as your governor and allow the millions of dollars and all that time go to waste just so I can hold the title of governor."

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POLITICAL PUNDITS, politicians and even the Alaska lieutenant governor who will become governor later this month were

caught unaware.

The real questions are why now and what next.

Just being Sarah Palin for the past year has not been easy. She has been idolized by those who love her, and demonized by those who hate her, and she deserved neither treatment.

Her surprise selection by Sen. McCain for the GOP ticket excited many base Republicans and added immediate glitz and short term favor to a wavering presidential campaign last year, but was an overall minus for what was destined to be a faltering GOP effort. She did not lose the election for the Republicans, but she didn't boost their chances either.

Then there have been personal matters, including family concerns. Gov. Palin also has been beset with a chorus of legal actions, questioning her use of public funds and other activities as governor, which also may have weighed on her thinking.

All in all, it probably looked better to Ms. Palin on the other side of the fence for a while.

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IN THE SHORT term, the decision to resign probably is about money. If there ever is a time in Sarah Palin's life to turn her noto-

riety into cash, it's now.

Fame often is short lived, and Ms. Palin's fame is at a high point, which could be translated into books, articles, talk shows and other avenues which can turn into money.

Then there are the speeches. Sarah Palin is the hottest and in-demand Republican speaker right now, and the public lecture tour also beckons, which can mean dollars.

None of this activity would stand in the way of presidential ambition, if such exists in Ms. Palin's heart, at least in the short run.

But serious presidential planning should be started soon for the 2012 election, and the head of steam the Palin Express might enjoy now probably would not last until 2016.

Ms. Palin also could use the time – and presumably newly acquired resources – to bone up on national and international issues where many voters found her lacking during her 2008 campaigning.

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NATIONALLY THE Republican leadership is pretty much up for grabs, and the thrust of the party is open for repair and development ... or at least should

be.

Mike Huckabee, Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney, Rush Limbaugh, Bobby Jindahl, congressional and senatorial potentials and several others all are in the GOP leadership mix. If Sarah Palin wants to be there, too, the job is still open.

The course she is taking, however, is uncertain, and many Republicans are scratching their heads. Karl Rove, who helped propel then Texas Gov. George Bush to the presidency and then controlled a variety of White House political strings, is one.

"She (Gov. Palin) marches to the beat of her own drum, and it's going to be very interesting to see how she pulls this off," Mr. Rove said on a recent TV interview show, calling the resignation a "risky strategy."

Events of the last 11 months have transformed Sarah Palin's life, both public and private. She has surprised both her fans and her critics in the past, and certainly will again in the future.

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Letters to the Editor

I love this town

To the editor:

This letter is geared to the people who have such a bad attitude towards Grayling. Where do you live? In a negative world?

This is a great town. There may not be as many stores to shop in and our paper may be small, but at least we have them.

Here is my question to you – what do you do to help make this a better place? Do you belong to G.P.A. (Grayling Promotional Association) or the youth boosters, etc? Do you attend city or township meeting to give your input or just help out around town. If not, you should not complain. Do you buy locally first before going out of town? I do and I usually find what I want, if not then I go out of town.

As for friendly faces here, my family went on the lake the other day and everyone waved at us. We waved first a few times but sometimes it takes you to start the smiles and waves. Try taking the first step and you will not believe what follows.

When families are in trouble here, people come out of the woodwork. Ask any family who has needed help.

As you can tell, I love this town. There is a saying, "The worst thing about a small town is everyone knows everything and the best thing about a small town is everyone knows everything." Please remember this and start to look at the glass half full instead of half empty.

Gail Swope
Grayling

Blood drive volunteers needed

To the editor:

We are all getting a little older. The need for a safe and adequate blood supply seems to increase as more of us need to draw from the resources available and are unable to donate due to medications and illness. This teamed with our volunteer pool getting older too, is a double hit.

The American Red Cross has been doing blood drives in the Grayling area for many years. The community drive is held on the first Wednesday of odd numbered months at the American Legion. The churches participate in a smaller drive held on the heels of the community drive focused on trying to collect O blood type which is the universal donor, used

in trauma situations.

More volunteers are needed to help with unloading trucks, baking cookies, working at the blood drives and calling donors to make appointments. Each church has a separate coordinator.

The American Legion drives are organized by RSVP volunteers.

We need to begin seeking out and integrating into the mix new volunteers and donors that will carry us into the future.

If you have an interest in learning more about volunteer or donor opportunities in Grayling that involve blood drives, please call me at 989-916-6176 or 989-573-1655.

Cindi Bauer
The American Red Cross

Viewpoint

by Greg Raffhouse, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health

Coping with economic stress

Flowers are blooming, the sun is shining and summer is finally here. That brightness, however, doesn't diminish the emotional distress and struggles that many Michigan residents are dealing with in the midst of this difficult economy.

Economic turmoil can cause a whole array of negative health effects, both physical and mental. Everyone deals with economic struggles differently. Dealing with these troubles can add tremendous stress, which increases the risk for developing depression, substance abuse, anxiety or compulsive behaviors such as over-eating and excessive gambling or spending.

With the unemployment rate in Michigan over 14 percent, it is understandable for people to have a sense of uneasiness. A recent poll conducted by the American Psychological Association found that almost half of all adults said they are increasingly stressed about their ability to provide for their family's basic needs. In fact, about eight out of 10 adults said that the economy is a significant cause of stress, up from 66 percent last year.

It is important to be aware of signs that financial issues may be adversely affecting your emotional or mental well-being. These signs can include persistent sadness, excessive anxiety, lack of sleep/constant fatigue, excessive irritability/anger, difficulty staying focused, and not being able to function well at work, school or home. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, you are not alone! These signs are very common reactions to increased stress.

While we cannot change what comes at us, we can change the way we react to it. Learning to cope is a constructive way to deal with stressful symptoms. Coping techniques include:

- Trying to keep things in perspective – recognizing the positive aspects in life can help retain hope for the future.
- Strengthening connections with family members and friends who can provide support.
- Engaging in activities that relieve stress and anxiety – such as physical exercise, hobbies and sports.
- Developing new skills for employment that can provide a means of coping

and directly addressing financial difficulties.

Taking charge of your environment – if you're bothered by media coverage or conversations about the current economy, change channels, turn the page or excuse yourself from the conversation.

Coping techniques may ease some stressful symptoms, but some problems can seem too overwhelming to handle, and that's when it is time to seek additional help to get through the tough times. There are many people and services available to help you do just that. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has a resource to help individuals identify and cope with stressful situations stemming from the economy. This may be viewed online at www.samhsa.gov/economy.

Community Mental Health (CMH) services may also be available if you have a serious mental illness and meet criteria.

Anyone interested in learning more may contact Northern Lakes CMH at (231) 922-4850 or visit www.northernlakescmh.org.

What Do You Think?

Join in the discussion online. The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color

bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Briefs

Meeting for "Baby Pantry" to be held

Community members are welcome to attend a discussion of a "Baby Pantry," to be held on Wednesday, July 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Lisa Burmeister at DHD #10 348-7800 or 688-8612.

COA sponsors Senior Project Fresh

The Crawford County Commission on Aging along with the Crawford County MSU Extension are sponsoring the 2009 Senior Project Fresh Farmers Market Nutrition Program with gives \$20 worth of coupons which can be used on fresh Michigan produce. If you are a Crawford County senior and your monthly income is below \$1,669 (\$2,246 for couple) you may qualify for these free coupons. To participate, contact Collette Hill at the COA at 348-7123.

Church to hold VBS

The Resurrection Life Center is holding a VBS on July 13-17, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for kids ages 4-12. The church is located at 2640 W. M-72 Grayling, just 2.2 miles east of the light at Burger King. Pre-registration is requested. Bus transportation is available and is handicap accessible. For bus arrangements, more information, or to pre-register call 348-1000.

Animal Shelter to hold meeting

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter's Board of Directors will meet on Monday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gray Rock Café on Industrial Drive in Grayling. Discussion will include fundraising and other activities. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend and volunteer are needed for upcoming events. For more information, call Sec./Treas. Cheryl Ruley at 348-1429.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their meeting on Wednesday, July 8, at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Grayling.

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the Beaver Creek Township meeting on Monday, July 13, at 7 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Special Olympics golf to be held

The Special Olympics Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, July 11, at the Grayling Country Club with a shot gun start at 10 a.m. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The cost is \$60 per golfer or \$240 per team. For more information, call Bill Brown at 989-348-9109.

COA to hold Lunch and Learn series

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, will hold Lunch and Learn: Food for Your Brain Educational Series on Wednesday, July 15, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is a free series that will run every third Wednesday of the month. For more information on this series, call Carrie Criegier at the COA at 348-7123.

Cub Scout 3993 to hold bonfire

Cub Scout 3993 of Grayling will be having a bonfire at Hanson Hills on Monday, July 13, at 7 p.m. for all cub scouts and any boys in first through fifth grade who would like to join. A parent must attend. For information, contact 344-9368.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on its web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Library News

Express Yourself at the Frederic Community Library on Friday, July 10 at 6 p.m. Teens and tweens can enjoy a summer reading program filled with crafts and games. To sign up, contact Connie Meyer at 989-348-4067.

Be Creative at the Frederic Community Library on Saturday, July 11 at 11 a.m. There will be fun in Frederic with the summer reading program with stories, crafts and a snack. Call Connie to sign up or for additional information.

"Create a Costume" at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 14 at 1 p.m. Be creative and celebrate the AuSable River Festival by being part of the library float called "Tom Sawyer ... the AuSable River is Calling You." Kids will learn to design and make tie-dyed and colorful shirts to wear in the parade. To sign up or for more information, call Jane at 989-348-9214.

Sit n' Knit @Night will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, July 14 at 6 p.m. Experts and beginners can join this evening knitting club.

Be creative at the Devereaux Memorial Library with "You've Got a Way with Words." Meet special guest author Christina Meldrum who will teach a writing workshop for children on Thursday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. To sign up, call Jane at 348-9214.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 10 - Lunch - hot roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas and carrots, green beans and a banana. No Dinner. 9 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Senior Project Fresh, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic/Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, July 11 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment.

Monday, July 13 - Lunch - breaded chicken sandwich, winter blend vegetables, baked beans and an orange. Dinner - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, apricots and Prince Charles vegetable blend. 10 a.m. - quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, July 14 - Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower,

sliced carrots and grapes. Dinner - hot roast beef, boiled potatoes, Brussels sprouts and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fish Hatchery Tour, 10 a.m. Bible Study, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, July 15 - Lunch - beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, cauliflower and peaches. Dinner - pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, apple sauce and cookies. 1 p.m. pool league, caregiver class and Community Garden party at the garden, 5:30 p.m. Pictionary.

Thursday, July 16 - Lunch - baked chicken, boiled potatoes, green bean casserole and pineapple. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables and grapes. 9 a.m. Leelanau Wine Tasting Tour, 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Range Firing

Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek, July 16-22.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north of Carrier Rd., east of range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Rd.), July 16.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, July 16-17.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline. July 18-22.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of county Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), July 16, -22.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), July 16, 20-22.

The Range 30 Complex, located North of North

Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. July 16-17, 19 and 22.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd. Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6100.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for July 3 was Paul and Pattie Chapp.

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The Bible Speaks

Real Righteousness

Why were more Gentiles being converted to Christianity and added to the church than Jews? This appears one question raised by Romans 9:30,31: "30What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. 31But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness."

In Romans 9:29 Paul had quoted from Isaiah 1:9 concerning why only some Jews were saved: "9Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah." So the question raised here concerns why God was now calling so many Gentiles. The Gentiles have been described as "without law" in 1 Cor 9:31; "without works" in Rom 4:6; "without Christ" and "without God" in Eph 2:12; "without faith" in Heb 11:6; "having no hope" or without hope in Eph 2:12; and "dead in trespasses and sins" in Eph 2:5. No wonder the Gentiles were so excited and the Jews so upset about the message of

Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:47,48: "47For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. 48And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." God ordained to eternal life even some Gentiles, "which followed not after righteousness."

Now on the other hand in Romans 9:31: "31But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness." The Jews who were trying to keep God's revealed law were unable to attain righteousness, while the Gentiles who didn't even have the law were declared righteous after only hearing and believing by faith the gospel of Jesus Christ. Fast forward to Romans 11:5-7 and hear it again: "5Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6And if by grace, then is it no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7What then? Israel hath not obtained that

which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded."

Many Jews worked hard to be righteous or blameless by good works. Like Paul in Philippians 3:6 described his righteousness in the law before his conversion: "6Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless." As Galatians 3:11 says: "11But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith."

So neither Jews or Gentiles can do anything but trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins and eternal life. No one has a corner on faith, it is a gift of God, Eph. 2:8,9: "8For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9Not of works, lest any man should boast." We look only unto "Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12:2). We rest in the faith which comes only from hearing "the word of God." (Rom. 10:17). Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 132 complaints the week of June 29 - July 5.

Twenty-seven general non-criminal complaints, one good intent-smoke scare, one delinquent minor, eight false alarm activations, four assault/intimidation/stalkings, one assault and battery/simple assault, five larcenies, one forgery/counterfeiting-pass forged checks, one fraudulent activity, one damage to property, one drug/narcotic violation, one indecent exposure, one weapons offense/concealed/explosive, 14 public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, four health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, one miscellaneous arrest, 14 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, one traffic violation-civil infraction, two hazardous conditions, one accident-all other, seven inspections/investigations-property, one lost and found property, eight family troubles-domestic, 12 suspicious situations and 10 driving violations/driving while license suspended.

For more information, log on to www.crawford-sheriff.org.

Obituaries

Billie J. King

Billie Jack King, 74, of Grayling, passed away on July 6, 2009.

He was born in Nuvo, Ala., on May 17, 1935, to the late Marshall and Myrtle (Evans) King.

He was retired from Ford Motor Company.

He was the unofficial "Mayor" of Covell Road in Beaver Creek Township.

He married Helen on December 15, 1989, in Taylor.

He is survived by his wife Helen; daughters: Sharon (Tommy) Furr of Montana, Laura (Glen) Debilzan of Grayling, Diane (David) Swan of Southgate; son, David (Michele) King of Ala.; step-daughters, Catherine Krinke of Fla., Rebecca (Michael) Medulla of Taylor; step-son, Wally (Paula) Edwards of Brownstown; many grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Louise Blanton; and step-son, Tommy Krinke.

There are no public services planned.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorenson-lockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

For more Obituaries, see Page 7A.

James D. Petrie

James "Jamie" Duane Petrie, 36, of Kalkaska, passed away on July 2, 2009.

He was born in Midland, on December 2, 1972, the son of the late Duane and Patricia (Klug) Petrie.

He was the husband of Jennifer (Garceau) Petrie. They were married on July 3, 2007, at Hartwick Pines.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer of Kalkaska; mother: Patricia Petrie; sisters: Michelle Petrie of Fla., Elizabeth (James) Bakeman of Grand Rapids, Patricia Tidwell of Ala., Amy Laughlin of Calif., Lydia Crampton of Midland, Melissa (Tom) Meldrum-Aaberg of Grand Rapids, Debra Petrie of Midland, Christina (Doug) Meldrum of Calif., Sarah Petrie of Grayling; brothers, David (Kay) Petrie of Grayling, Daniel (Kirsten) Meldrum of Ind., several nieces and nephews; father-in-law, Danny Garceau; and mother-in-law, Linda Langlois.

He was preceded in death by his father, Duane Petrie; and nephew Greg Petrie.

A funeral service was held at the Burning Bush Tabernacle on July 7, with his Reverend Robert Klug officiating.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Della Send

Della Send, formerly Della May Annis, born April 18, 1930, in Grayling, died June 28, 2009, in Burlington, NC.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society 209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord (989) 732-7001 Sunday Service10:30 am April through October 2nd & 4th Wednesday7 pm Sunday School10:30 am	
Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo 400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974 www.michelsonmemorial.org - Barrier Free Traditional Service9 am Coffee Hour9 am Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade)11 am Adult Sunday School10 am Praise & Worship Service11 am (Childcare Available)	
Seventh Day Adventist Pastor: David Jorgensen (989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance) Saturday Church Service9:30 am Saturday Sabbath School10:30 am Tuesday Prayer Meeting7 pm	
Lovells Community Chapel (Bible based and non-denominational) Pastor: Larry Hankins 8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells (989) 348-2701 Sunday School (youth & adult)9:30 am Morning Worship11 am Wed Prayer & Bible Study7-8 pm	
Grayling Free Methodist Pastor: Rick Secord 6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093 Early Service8:30 am Sunday School10 am Morning Service11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)7 pm	
Emma Lowery United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Sunday Worship11 am Adult & Youth Sunday School9:30 am	
Heritage Baptist Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-5558 heritagebaptist-grayling.org 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. (1/4 mile west of I-75) Sunday School9:45 am Morning Worship11 am Afternoon Worship12:45 pm Wednesday7 pm	
Grayling Assembly of God Pastor: Gary Wojdan 701 S. I-75 Business Loop Parsonage (989) 348-7466 Sunday School9:30 am Morning Worship10:30 am Evening Service6 pm Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed)7 pm	
The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message 7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic Sunday Worship10 am	
Westminster-By-The-Lake (East of Ralph MacMillan Conference Center) Worship with us in a beautiful outdoor chapel (989) 821-9474 Sunday Worship11 am	
St. John Lutheran (ELCA) 710 Spruce Street • (989) 348-5224 Sunday School9:15 am Sunday Worship10:30 am	

St. Francis Episcopal Church M-72 West • Grayling First Baptist Church of Frederic Pastor: Dale Hammond Sunday School9:45 am Morning Worship11 am Evening Worship6 pm Wed. Prayer & Bible Study7 pm	
Unity Church of Today North Minister: Terry Dickinson Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at tlind@freeway.net	
Luzerne Baptist Pastor: James Durfee • 2247 Durfee Lane Sunday School10 am Sunday Morning Worship11 am Sunday Evening Worship6 pm Wednesday Bible Study7 pm	
Burning Bush Tabernacle Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278 501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling Sunday School10 am Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service11 am Sunday Evening Service6 pm Monday Prayer Meeting7 pm Wednesday Service7 pm Friday Prayer Meeting7 pm (van transportation available)	
Community of Christ Pastor: Ann Doty • North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751 Church School9:45 am Preaching11 am Midweek Service Prayer7 pm	
St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V. Parish Office - 707 Spruce (989) 348-7657 Saturday Evening Masses4:30 pm Sunday Masses10 am	
St. Francis Episcopal Reverend: Elizabeth Chace M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850 Morning Prayer Tue-Fri8:30 am Eucharist (Wed)8:30 am Sunday Holy Eucharist8:30 & 10:30 am	
Resurrection Life Center Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738 reslifecenter.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000 Sunday Service10:30 am Midweek Services (Wed)7 pm E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com	
Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS) 905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop (at junction of M-93 & Old 27) (989) 348-5921 Sunday Worship Service10:30 am Sunday School9:15 am	

Calvary Baptist Church Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220 Sunday School9:45 am Morning Worship10:30 am Evening Worship6 pm Wednesday7 pm Prayer & Awana Club (Wed)7 pm	
Church of Christ Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613 In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 87:30 am Sunday Classes10 am Sunday Worship11 am Sunday Evening6 pm 1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service Midweek Bible Study (Wed)7 pm	
Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor: Lyle Stuber 211 S. Schellenger St. • (989) 348-5325 Sunday School10 am Sunday Worship11 am & 6 pm Wednesday Evening7 pm	
Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. • Pastor: John Scott 705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557 Sunday School9:45 am Morning Worship11 am Evening Service6 pm Wednesday Service7 pm	
Bear Lake Christian Pastor: David Rosenberg Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd. Sunday Church Service10 am - 6:30 pm Sunday School9 am Bible Study (Wed)6:30 pm Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed.6:30 pm	
Church Alive Church of God Pastor: David Barker 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (231) 258-3448 Sunday School10 am Worship Service11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour & Prayer (Wednesday)7 pm	
St. Martin Ex. Lutheran (WELS) Pastor: Adam Seelow The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI 48653 Phone number (989) 275-3070 Sunday9 am	
Friendship Church A Christian Reformed Ministry Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg 415 Ohio North, Gaylord Sunday School9 am Morning Worship10 am The Women's Bible Study10 am Wed. Men's Bible StudyNoon	
Frederic Worship Center 6464 Old U.S. 27 Frederic Pastor: Gary Thompson (989) 422-3464 • (989) 348-5712 Sunday Service11 am	
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints President: David Stephenson 600 North Elm Street, Gaylord Sacrament10 am Sunday School11 am Primary11 am PriesthoodNoon Relief SocietyNoon	
Grayling Evangelical Free Church Pastor Dave Schultz 6251 W. M-72 Hwy. Grayling, 989-600-1293 (Near Westside Diner) pastordave@graylingfreecchurch.org Sunday Night Bible Study 6:30 pm-8:30pm www.graylingfreecchurch.org	

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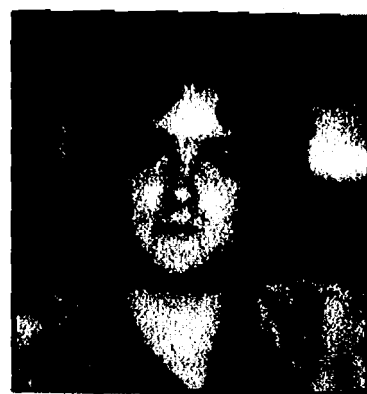
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Obituaries



Robert D. Bonenfant

Robert Dean Bonenfant, 46, of Grayling, passed away on July 3, 2009.

He was born in Monroe, on October 10, 1962, to the late Nancy (Stiffler) and Maurice Bonenfant. He was the step-son of Isaac Owens, Jr.

He married the former Laura (Mackinnon) Bonenfant on October 24, 1991, in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; daughters, Nicole and Heather

Bonenfant of Ala.; sons: Travis Mackinnon, Sean Walsh Jr., Carey "Scooter" Bonenfant and Zachary Bonenfant all of Grayling; five grandchildren; sister, Haley Jennings of Monroe; brothers, Richard and James Bonenfant of Mo.; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by mother.

A funeral service was held at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home on July 5 with Brandon Rogers officiating.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and directed to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738.

Maxine A. Beattie

Maxine A. Beattie, 83, of Grayling, passed away on July 3, 2009.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 11, at 4 p.m. at the Grayling Seventh Day Adventist Church located at Camp AuSable.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Martin Gill

Martin Gill, 58, of Lawrenceville, N.J., passed away on Sept. 20, 2008.

A memorial service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery (old section) on Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Honors

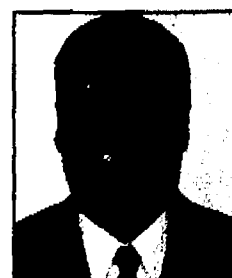


Dr. Edward M. Baynham, Jr.

Eddy was a Grayling High School graduate. He received his BS from Central Michigan University in 2004. He then went to Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and graduated on May 22, 2009. He also received an Operative Podiatric Award.

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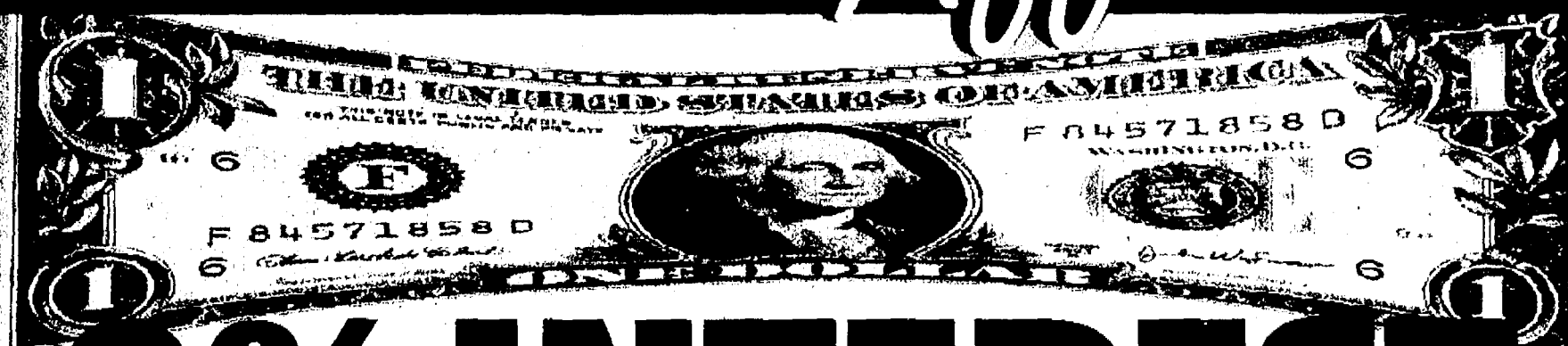
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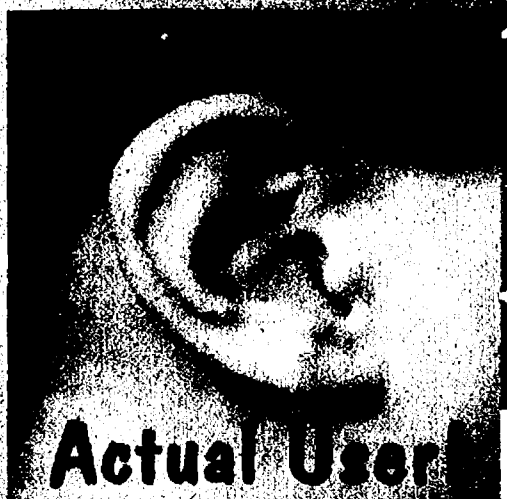
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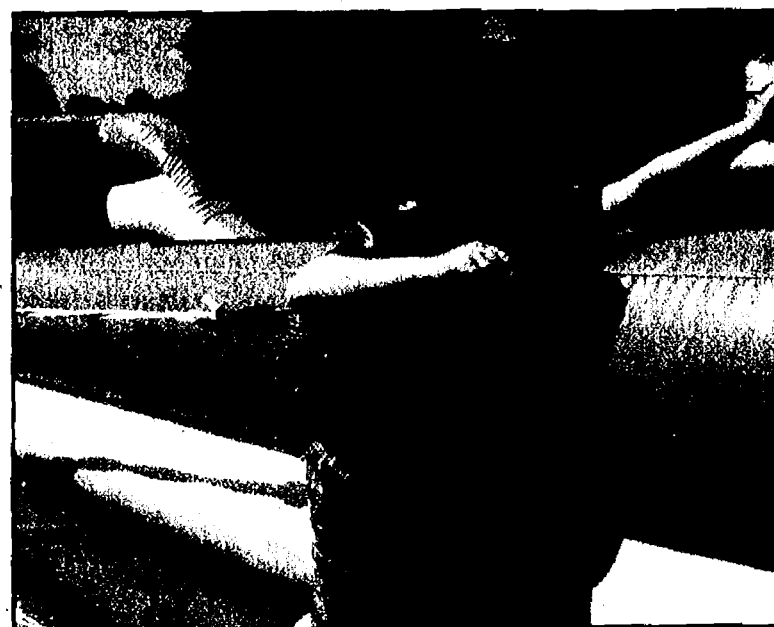
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Fourth of July festivities

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Several Grayling families and visitors to the community celebrated the Fourth of July in the AuSable River City Park on Saturday with activities organized by the Grayling Youth Booster Club. Above left, Jarius Smock, age 2, of Grayling, came down the inflatable mountain wave. Above right, Wesley Clay, age 9, of Bath, competes on the bungee run. Below left, Ginnia Denno, age 8, belted out Gretchen Wilson's song "All Jacked Up" prior to the karaoke competition. Below right, Gabe Lobsinger, age 5, of Grayling, came down the inflatable rainbow slide.

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Among the honorees are: Reid Holzbauer, Travis Nelson and Jamie Wyss, all from Grayling; Max Ballou, Amanda Geaslin, Patrick Kelly, Allissa McPhail, Gregory

Neville, Arielle Rucinski, Joseph Schneider, Joshua Sinnaeve, Leah Thomas, and David Westphal, all from Roscommon.

Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University announced that Wendy Paul of Frederic and Michael Hoag of Grayling, were named the Dean's List for the Winter 2009 semester. To earn a place on the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 - 3.99.



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Scotland Scouts stay overnight in Grayling during international trip

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Although Kane is not currently a Boy Scout leader, he was more than pleased to host the fellow Scouts. His father, two brothers, and son, Jon Kane, are all Eagle Scouts. "We're just continuing a good family tradition," Kane said.

Members of Boy Scout Troop #995, which is sponsored by Airway Automation, and Boy Scout Troop #979, sponsored by Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, were invited to visit the Scotland Scouts.

Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland and third most populated city in the United Kingdom with over 620,000 residents. The city's heritage was dominant in shipbuilding and heavy engineering. Today, Glasgow is one of Europe's top twenty financial centers and is home to many of Scotland's leading businesses. The city has particular strengths in shipbuilding, engineering, printing, publishing, chemicals and textiles, as well as new growth sectors such as optoelectronics, software development and biotechnology.

Glasgow is also a major center of education and academic research, with four universities within 10 miles of the city center. The city is home to a student population in excess of 168,000, the largest in Scotland and second largest in the United Kingdom.

The Australian hard rock band AC/DC has two band members originally from Glasgow - Angus and Malcolm Young. Alternative rockers Oasis also hail from Glasgow.

Since 1990, the Scotland Scouts #72nd Glasgow have been coming to North American about every three years.

"They experience a different way of life and it's an international experience," said Jim Peebles, the leader for the Scotland Scouts #72nd Glasgow.

"The value I see is meeting other Scouts."

This is the seventh time Peebles has brought a troop of Boy Scouts to North America. The group included 26 Scouts and six chaperones. The Scotland Scouts #72nd Glasgow takes trips to Switzerland and Italy in other years.

Peebles said one of main fund-raisers to help fund the trip is donations for bagging groceries at stores.

"I'm getting some pointers," said Jim Pickell, leader for Boy Scout Troop #995 of Grayling.

Josh Aimesbury, a member of Boy Scout Troop #995 of Grayling, said he also picked up some tips to recruit Boy Scouts and bolster troop involvement.

"They seemed like a very spirited group and we got to compare what they do to what we do," Aimesbury said.

The Scotland Scouts enjoyed being out in the woods, camping, eating dinner, tossing a frisbee and having their evening tea. They also sat around a campfire with the Grayling Boy Scouts and sang songs.

Although the weather was cold and rainy, the Scotland Scouts said it was similar to Glasgow as it is monsoon season there.

"It's quite nice, but it's a bit cold," said Michael Hornsell, a member Scotland Scouts #72nd Glasgow.

Hornsell, age 15, sampled some maple tea while in Canada, and was looking forward to trying local cuisine on the rest of his trip.

"I like to try different things all the time," Hornsell said.

Ironically, the Scouts said they appreciated being able to travel on smooth roads that the Crawford County Road Commission tries to maintain within its budget constraints.

"People are quite fed up with the roads in Scotland and they go out at night and fill in the potholes," Hornsell said.

Joshua Wakeman, age

13, another member of Scotland Scouts #72nd Glasgow, was looking forward to seeing the skyscrapers in New York City. He was also looking forward to connecting with his family's history since his grandmother worked at Macy's during the Great Depression, before she returned to Scotland, married and started a family.

"It was always a dream of my grandmother's to go back to New York and it has been a dream of mine as well," Wakeman said.

The Scotland Scouts set up a tent village in a wooded clearing by Kane's home. Jack Millikin Excavating, Inc. provided a porta-potty for the Scouts to use.

Kane said he was pleased to help the Scotland Scouts and Grayling Scouts create an international bond.

"The fellowship was just priceless," he said. "It was definitely about the kids and it was really nice for local Scouts to come and share in on the fellowship."

Peebles said the Scotland Scouts extend an invitation to come to Glasgow to some of the Scouts they meet at camps and overnight stays, but few Troops accept the offer due to the expense of the trip.

"Some people do come, but not as many as we would like to see," Peebles said.

Pickell said he appreciated getting a different perspective on Scouting and sharing ideas.

"We learned a lot of information and history about Scotland and how Scouting is a little bit different in Scotland and in other counties than it is here," Pickell said.



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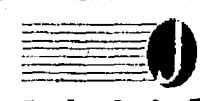
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Youngsters snag trout during Kids Fishing contest



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The Grayling Youth Booster Club placed 500 trout in the river by the AuSable River City Park for the annual Fourth of July Kids Fishing Contest. Above left, Angela Thomson, age 9, of Redford, won a new fishing rod in the girl's competition by catching the first fish, while Andrew Bernardo, age 11, of Grayling, won the boy's contest. Above right, Jay Bernardo, age 6, of Grayling, uses a kernel of sweet corn to try to snag a trout while fishing off the dock in the park.

Area high school students awarded in art show

In April, the Watershed Art Project hosted the Spring Art Walk in downtown Grayling. Local artists exhibited their fine art in the stores downtown during the trout opener weekend.

Also included were art students from area schools. The former Northern Concepts building housed many works of art from Grayling, Roscommon, Houghton Lake and

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Schools.

Four students were awarded for their exceptional work. Marlo Russell of Grayling for Best of Show with Nick, Emily Ekdom of Roscommon for Best Watercolor with Masks, Brad Morgan of Fairview for Best Graphite with Life Survivor 2 and Jeramy Sawyers of Houghton Lake for Best Oil/Acrylic with True Emphasis.

The Houghton Lake Art Department was awarded \$100 for their enthusiastic participation in the show.

The Watershed Art Project, which hosts four events a year, promotes fine art in northern Michigan. It is an ad hoc committee of the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership and is funded in part from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs through the North Central Michigan Community Foundation.

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Animal Shelter recognized for low euthanasia rates

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter in Grayling was recently recognized with two PAW Awards from Pet Friends Magazine.

These first-time animal welfare awards are based on the lowest percentage of euthanasias for cats and dogs in animal shelters in Northern Lower Michigan. The numbers were compiled from the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Michigan Animal Shelter Activity Reports.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter won the dog category with an unprecedented 1% euthanasia rate. In 2008, the shelter director made the tough decision to have euthanized three dogs because they were suffering from untreatable severe illnesses, none for aggression.

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter tied in the cat category with the Missaukee Humane Society, with no cats euthanized at either shelter.

Cheryl Postma, shelter director said, "We are so pleased to be recognized for our low euthanasia numbers. We know we are fortunate to manage the only shelter in Crawford County and we no longer have to euthanize as a means of shelter population control. We know not all shelters have this luxury.

"Preventing high euthanasia numbers is only possible through an aggressive spay/neuter effort within each community," explained Postma. "In Crawford County, our shelter has worked year after year to educate pet owners to the advantages of spaying and neutering. Plus we have taken advantage of a variety of opportunities to help pet owners afford surgery and vaccinations."

"Our community can be

proud of all that it has accomplished. But there is still work to be done," said Sharon Priebe, President. "AuSable Valley Animal Shelter will continue to promote spaying and neutering as a means to create a healthier community overall.

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a privately-funded shelter and an IRS recognized non-profit organization so donations are tax-deductible. In addition to monetary donations, there are many items on the shelter's website wish list the animals would appreciate.

The shelter has many different programs and volunteer opportunities available. One of those programs is being a partner with the Purina Pets for Seniors program. The shelter offers a \$50 discount on adoptions to people age 60 and older.

The staff at the shelter takes the time to evaluate every animal they receive to make sure of the best adoption match possible. Some pets do take a little longer to find a home than others but they never give up.

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located just a few miles north of Grayling, adjacent to the fairgrounds. The entrance is east off of Old US 27. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 348-4117. Donations should be mailed to AVAS, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738-0384. Visit the shelter's website at www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

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Joni Bindschatel



Cayla Johnson

Softball squad announces team, league awards

Grayling High School's varsity softball squad recently announced its team and all-conference award honorees for the 2009 season.

Joni Bindschatel won the squad's MVP award. Most Improved went to Makenna Harwood. Sam Schreiber

was Miss Hustle. The Vikings had two all-league selections in the Lake Michigan Conference. Bindschatel was all-confer-

ence. Cayla Johnson was an all-league honorable mention.

Harwood earned All-District honors.



Makenna Harwood

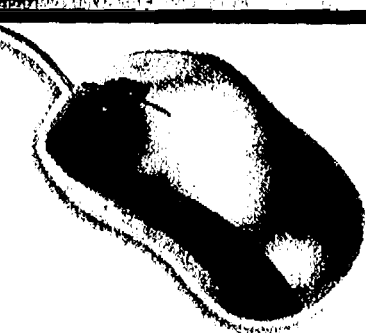


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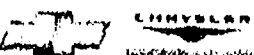
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Grayling Little League's 11- and 12-year-old all-star team defeated AIO and Johannesburg-Lewiston in games played at Lewiston last week.

On Monday, Grayling edged J-L 7-5. Lewiston scored three runs in the top of the first inning to take an

early 3-0 lead. Grayling responded with five runs in the bottom of the first to lead 5-3. The inning included a grand slam by Scout Tobin.

Grayling added two more runs in the bottom of the second. Justice Junttila drove in Thomas Barnes

and Michael Branch drove in Gunner Metzger.

"Our defense was once again tremendous as Matt Burrell, Zack Cheney, and Dallas Johnson all made diving catches in the outfield," Coach Tom Barnes said. "Jake Hinkle, Scout, and Matt pitched a combined two-hitter but gave up nine walks. Scout was the winning pitcher."

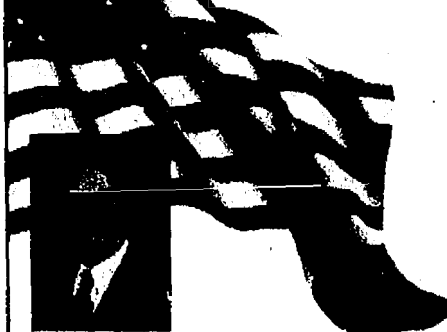
Grayling's leading hitters were: Junttila, 1 for 4, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Burrell, 1 for 3, 1 run, 2 RBIs; Tobin, 1 for 3, 1 run, 4 RBIs; Danny Schultz, 1 for 3.

On Tuesday, Grayling won 19-0 vs. AIO (Arenac, Iosco, Ogemaw).

Michael Branch pitched a one-hitter, striking out four batters with no walks.

"Our team had 14 hits against AIO. Our team is very strong defensively and we have great depth in pitching. If our kids can continue to hit the ball like they did in pool play we should go far in district play," Coach Barnes said.

Leading hitters for Grayling included: Barnes, 1 for 4, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Metzger, 2 for 2, 2 runs; Junttila, 3 for 4 (grand slam), 6 RBIs; Branch, 2 for 4, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Burrell, 2 for 2, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Tobin, 1 for 3 (home run), 3 runs, 3 RBIs; Darin Nicholas, 1 for 3, 1 run, 2 RBIs.

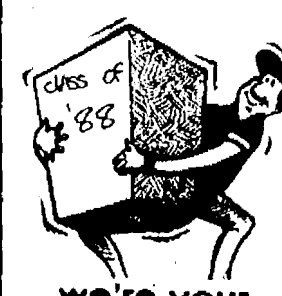
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50 boys take part in basketball camp

Fifty boys in grades 3-8 participated in a basketball camp at Grayling High School on June 22-24.

The camp, conducted by Rich Moffit, head boys basketball coach at GHS, featured instruction and games.

Players competed in a 3 on 3 tournament, a 5 on 5 tournament, and a hot shot contest (one minute to score as

many points as possible). The camp included two divisions: college (grades 3-6) and pro (grades 7-8).



The college division 3 vs. 3 champions: Justin Nicholas, Trey Moffit, Ryan Pummell.



The pro division 3 vs. 3 champions: Jake Hinkle, Justin Junttila, Scott Wakely.



The pro division campers of the day: Josh Seames (Wednesday), Brad Rhoads (Monday), Peyton Zigila (Tuesday).



The college division campers of the day: Jeremiah Scott (Monday), Darren Johnston (Tuesday), Clay Jaskowski (Wednesday).

Fox Run Golf

Thursday Ladies League

The standings for Thursday, July 2, are as follows.

In Flight 1, the wins were Ostling and J. McKindles with 42, Upton and Ferguson with 39, Gust and Griffin with 31, Coors and Lederman with 29, Freer and Longendyke with 25 and Hall and Marshall with 23. Ferguson had a low net of 29. Hall had a chip-in in hole # 3, Freer had a birdie

on hole #3, Ferguson had a birdie on hole #3, McKindles had a birdie on holes # 1 and #7 and Upton had a birdie on hole #9.

In Flight 2, Finkbeiner and DiPonio had a score of 46, Baetens and Bradley had 43, Davis and Adolph had 38, Baker and Baldwin had 24 and Koutnik and Summerix had 13. Both Baker and Baldwin had a low net of 27.

In Flight 3, the team of

DeMassa and Willikins came in with 41, Kelsey and Funky with 39, Patrik and Febey with 35, Nester and

Close with 27, Patchin and Deloge with 24 and Hanson and Walper with 23. Close had a low net score of 31.

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power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on July 29, 2009. Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 108, Holiday Heights Subdivision No.2, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 41 of Plats, Crawford County Records. Also Part of the North Half of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, and being more particularly described as beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said section 31; thence South, 1017.94 feet to the place of beginning; thence West, 198.5 feet; thence South, 100 feet; thence East, 198.5 feet; thence North, 100 feet to the place of beginning. 11696 Baric The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.324-1a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: June 25, 2009 Randall S. Miller &

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Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ROBERT I. FITZPATRICK, JR. and TAMMY L. FITZPATRICK, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2006, and recorded June 23, 2006, in Liber 682, Page 81, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$17,127.87, including interest at 11.0% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel L-2: Part of the W 3/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, T25N, R3W, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 20, thence South 0 degrees 49' E (along the West Section line) 1015.80 feet, thence North 87 degrees 59'45" E; 100 feet to the P.O.B., thence continuing North 87 degrees 59'45" E; 435.6 feet, thence South 0 degrees 49' E 300 feet, thence South 87 degrees 59'45" W 435.6 feet, thence North 0 degrees 49' W 300 feet to the P.O.B. Also all that land lying Westerly of the above described parcel of land and the Easterly right of way of South Grayling Road.

Commonly known as Vacant Land on S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: June 18, 2009

LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
Berkley, MI 48072
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-18-25-2-9

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MICHAEL JAMES WEAVER, a single man, Mortgagor, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated November 14, 2007, and recorded December 20, 2007, in Liber 689, Page 681, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$69,648.85, including interest at 12.0% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
The West 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T25N, R2W, and the East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T25N, R2W.

AND
An undivided 1/2 interest in the South 12 feet of the West 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T25N, R2W, and an undivided 1/2 interest in the West 12 feet of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T25N, R2W.

Commonly known as: 11873 Ellison Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: June 18, 2009

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by DIANE L. CHAMBERLIN as Mortgagor, to NORTHLAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated May 12, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on July 8, 2004 in Liber 669 at Page 848, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$124,397.00, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.25 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Part of Block 17 in the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, Michigan.
Commencing at the Westerly corner of lot 3 of said Block 17, which point is the intersection of the Southwesterly line of Lot 3 and Southeasterly line of Michigan Avenue; Thence Southwesterly (parallel with Michigan Avenue) 27.5 feet for the P.O.B.; thence Southeasterly (parallel with Cedar Street) 120.0 feet; thence Southwesterly (parallel with Michigan Avenue) 34.5 feet; thence Northwesterly (parallel with Cedar Street) 120 feet to the Southeasterly line of Michigan Avenue; thence Northeasterly 34.5 feet to the P.O.B.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
DATED: June 23, 2009
Attorney for Mortgagee

903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
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-2-9-16-23

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald P. Feutz, husband and Laura L. Feutz, wife, original mortgagor(s), to Empire National Bank, a National Banking Association, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 1992, and recorded on November 5, 1992 in Liber 350 on Page 384, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight And 44/100 Dollars (\$44,298.44), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 17, Sherwood Forest, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 25, 2009
For more information, please call:
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-25-2-9-16

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L. Goudie and Joyce E. Goudie, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Source One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 1999, and recorded on October 11, 1999 in Liber 492 on Page 399, and assigned by mesne assignments to Beal Bank S.S.B. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four And 69/100 Dollars (\$29,854.69), including interest at 11.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County,

at 10:00 AM, on July 22, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 25; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East (along Section line) 250.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West (parallel with the West line of said Section 25) 524.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 50.0 feet; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West, 268.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes West, 256.0 feet to the edge of the County Road; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West (along County Road) 73.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 256.0 feet; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West 30.8 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 362.0 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 25; thence South 1 degree 13 minutes East, 895.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes West, 409.5 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 2: Starting at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, thence North 1 degree 08 minutes West, 724.0 feet (through the middle of County Road) for a point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes East, 300.0 feet; thence North 1 degree 08 minutes West, 68.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes West, 300.0 feet; thence South 1 degree 08 minutes East, 68.0 feet to the point of beginning. Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 18, 2009
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-18-25-2-9

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S. Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr., an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006, and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven And 04/100 Dollars (\$129,887.04), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 22, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 18, 2009
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Fredrick Jackson and Trudy Jackson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 21, 2006, and recorded on April 28, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 205, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine And 20/100 Dollars (\$132,789.20), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL No. 3: Commencing at a point which is 48 rods West and 44 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence East 28 rods, thence South 8 rods, thence West 28 rods, thence North 8 rods to the point of beginning, Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. PARCEL No. 4: Commencing at a point which is 49 rods West and 36 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence South 4 rods, thence East 29 rods, thence North 4 rods, thence West 29 rods to the place of beginning, Together with a right of way for ingress and egress only described as follows: Commencing at the point of beginning herein, thence 1 rods East, thence 4 rods North, thence 1 rod West, thence 4 rods South to the place of beginning. PARCEL No. 5: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North,

Range 3 West, thence West on Section line 48 rods, thence South 40 rods for place of beginning; thence East parallel with Section line 28 rods, thence South at right angles to Section line 4 rods, thence West 28 rods, thence North 4 rods to place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 25, 2009
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Krause and James W. Lertola, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2004, and recorded on May 19, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 280, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America National Association as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Trust Agreement for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Series 2004-BNC1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Thirty-Two And 17/100 Dollars (\$45,032.17), including interest at 6.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Center of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes East, along the North and West 1/4 line 191.60 feet to the point of beginning, thence North 2 degrees 23 minutes East 453.5 feet, thence South 85 degrees 39 minutes East 100 Feet, thence South 2 degrees 23 minutes West 445.2 feet, thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes West 100.0 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 25, 2009
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NOTICE OF SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT

You may qualify for a Summer 2009 property tax deferment on your Principal Residence (Homestead). This deferment is not a cancellation of property taxes—it is an extension of the due date for the Summer Tax until February 14, 2010 without penalty or interest charges.

Persons interested in applying for this deferment must contact their local Township or City Treasurer before Monday, September 14, 2009. Applications for deferment of Summer 2009 property taxes cannot be accepted after that date.

Vivian Balmes, Beaver Creek Township Treasurer
989-275-8878
Sandra Barber, Frederic Township Treasurer
989-348-8778
Cindy Olson, Charter Township of Grayling Treasurer
989-348-4361
Ann Duby, Lovells Township Treasurer
989-348-9215
Denise Babbitt, Maple Forest Township Treasurer
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989-275-8232
Terry McGregor, City of Grayling Treasurer
989-348-2131

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The project includes site grading, soccer field construction, potable / irrigation well irrigation system, sports field establishment and grow-in, and site restoration will be received by Crawford County, MI at the office of Mr. Paul Campo - County Administrator until 11:00 am, July 14, 2009

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be provided in digital format **free of charge** at the office of:
Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc.,
1280 Business Park Drive, Traverse City, MI 49686

Print copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of:
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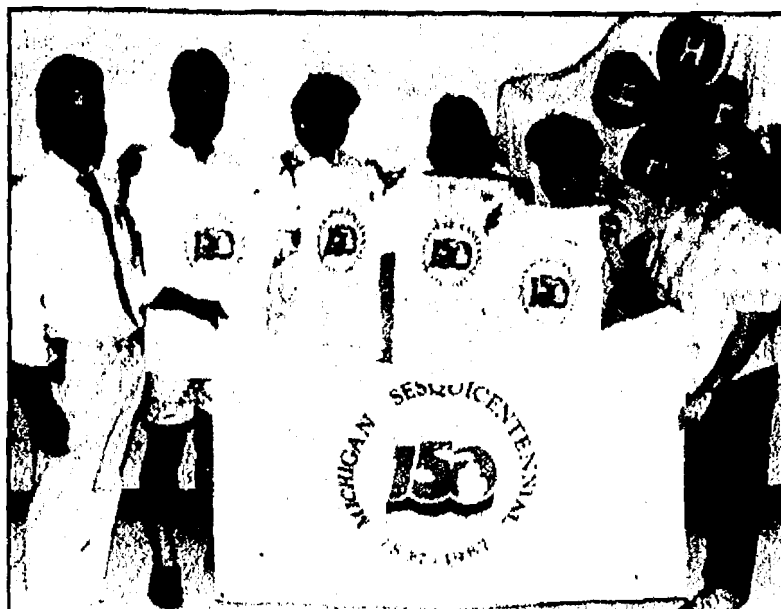
Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 10, 1986 - Four Crawford County Youth, sponsored by the Grayling Youth Booster Club, will be attending 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. Pictured are (from left to right) Jerry Harris, Vice president of Seven Star Inc., youth Ron Bancroft, Heidi Stephenson, Cheryl Barber and Amy Jo Denton and local trip coordinator Deb Denton.

23 Years Ago July 10, 1986

The Crawford County Historical Museum was closed Wednesday, July 2, because of complaints it did not have proper permits needed to perform construction work inside the railroad depot. Museum director Robert Ruddy said he and Chamber of Commerce director Terry Wright had to close the museum to protect the county from possible lawsuits that could have followed the complaints.

The Holiday Inn's Cool Monday Special is hand battered fried chicken, tossed salad, steak fries and homemade biscuits for \$3.95 plus tax.

Congressman Bill Schutte announced that Camp Grayling will receive \$1.2

million to improve facilities for the National Guard units and provide 70-75 construction jobs for Crawford County.

Despite a rain delay, the July 4th parade brightened the holiday. Five children won \$10 gift certificates for their bike decorations. Lacey Free, Candy Free, Stacey Free, Kelly Jungman and Nick Bedard. The parade was organized by Bill O'Brien with assistance from Irv McIsaac and Walt Nowak.

46 Years Ago July 11, 1963

The Jim Madill family, the Gene Kaiser family and the Bill Tobin family went to Redhead Lake the day before the 4th of July and

came back on Sunday. The name on their tent was "The Clampett Hangout."

Two changes in officers of the City of Grayling were announced at Monday night's meeting of the Grayling City Council. Mayor Ralph Hoffman and City Attorney Charles E. Moore both resigned. Named to the two posts were Alfred Sorenson to replace Hoffman as a councilman and Ward E. Ellison to become City Attorney.

The northern Michigan trap shooting match held in Gaylord was won by the Gaylord team. Mio came in second, Otsego Lake came in third, Bellaire took fourth place, Grayling took fifth and Elk Rapids took sixth. The high shooter from Grayling was Phil Miller with 40 out of 50 possible targets. Also shooting were Doug Burly, Chas. Decker, Bob Pratt and Rudy.

Claire Schaible and two children have moved from the Peterson apartments to the former Holcomb home near the airport.

69 Years Ago July 11, 1940

The Grayling Merchants baseball team split two games last week, winning from the traveling colored House of David of Grand Rapids at the local park on Independence Day, 22-6 and losing Northern Michigan League game to the Mackinac City Indians at Mackinac City by one run, 8-7.

Mack Patterson, Paul Russell, Sherman Sergel and three boys from Chicago, undertook a canoe

trip down the Portage Creek recently. Putting in at the encampment side of Lake Margrethe they had a thrilling trip across the lake in a heavily loaded canoe, but came to disaster when they dragged their canoe over brush and trees in the creek and ripped the canvas and lost the keel from the bottom and tipped their bedding and supplies into the creek and slept in the swamp in wet blankets all night.

Elwood Robarge has moved his family into the house recently vacated by Clifford Malloy.

Sam Gust has moved his family into the Taylor home recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunter, who have accepted the position of caretakers of the AuSable Trout and Game Club and have moved there.

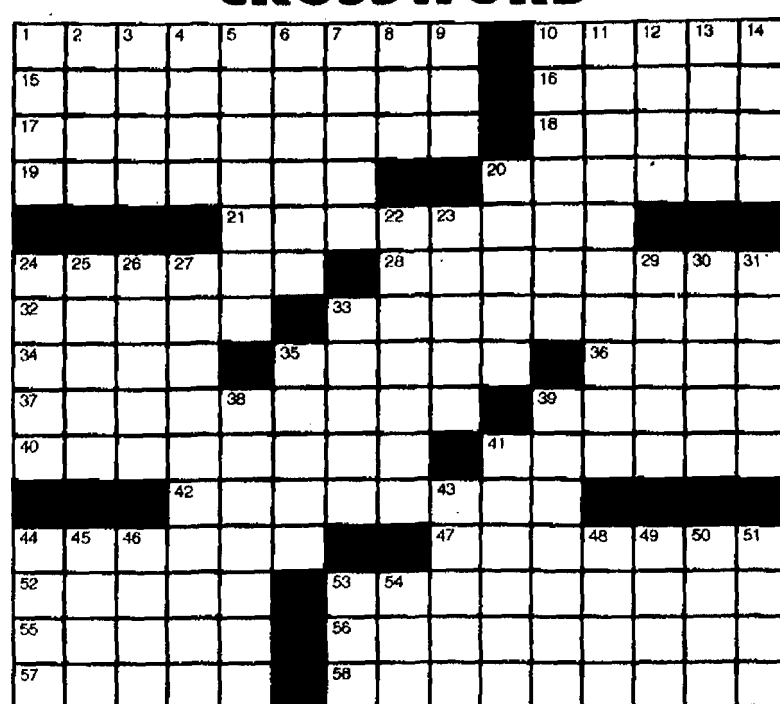
92 Years Ago July 13, 1917

The Michigan National Guard will mobilize at Grayling on July 15 and will begin training service. The men will meet at their home stations and move to Grayling. As yet there are not enough tents for the men but more are expected any time.

The old A.L. Pond home, property of the school board, has been purchased by George Brott, and is being moved from the school lot to a lot on Elm Street.

Mrs. Frieda Lenartz, of Sigsbee has sold her fine farm to some Detroit people who have already taken possession.

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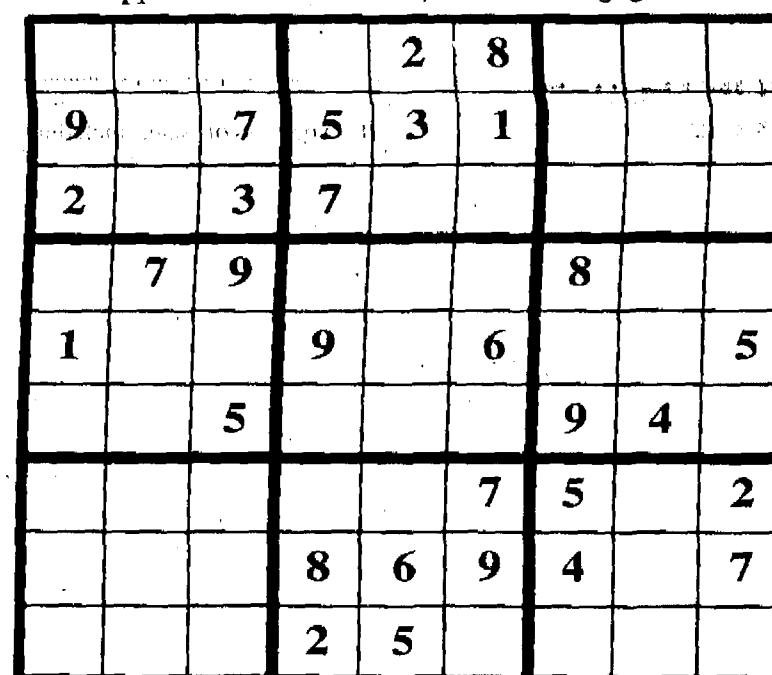
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10. Rows
15. Fee paid for a nominally free service
16. "South Pacific" hero
17. Person from a foreign country
18. Breathing problem
19. Amino acid found in many proteins
20. Spectacles
21. Tubular attachment used to keep stray light out of a camera
24. Someone who skates
28. Bear in mind
32. Observant one
33. Made for purchase and immediate use
34. "Iliad" warrior
35. Romance, e.g.
36. 20-20, e.g.
37. Took on again
39. Japanese cartoon art
40. Flat and thin
41. Large two-handed saw
42. 2000, for one
44. Prosthesis that replaces a missing leg
47. Beat
52. Deep-six
53. Wind-driven device
55. Young, weaned pig
56. Lays out again
57. Tail Building
58. Exaggerate

Down

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6. Paler
7. "As You Like It" setting
8. Complete
9. Attention
10. Padded cloth to keep a teapot warm
11. Structure that makes progress difficult
12. Certain Scandinavian
13. Beat it
14. Caribbean and others
20. Probe that sends information about its environment
22. Set back?
23. Squirrel away
24. Tangle
25. "M*A*S*H" setting
26. First-stringers
27. Fit together exactly, of identical shapes
29. U.S. film actress
30. Tomato blight
31. Extend, in a way
33. Chart anew
35. Russian prison camp for political prisoners
38. One out?
39. Close
41. Very poor person
43. Lyric poem
44. "Check this out!"
45. Bounce back, in a way
46. Cultivate
48. Buttonhole, e.g.
49. Aquatic plant
50. Camping gear
51. European language
53. Ace
54. Gun, as an engine

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #1 Medium, Difficulty Rating 0.84)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 9, 2009



Big deal, Capricorn. You had a slip in judgment. So has everyone else. Fess up and move on. A well-deserved vacation is in your future. Start saving for it now.



Time to get tough at home, Aquarius. Your to-do list is a mile long, and if you don't start pitching a fit, your pleas for help will fall on deaf ears.



Uh-oh, Pisces. A relationship is in a rut. Spice things up with a trip to someplace exotic. A project at work spirals out of control. Work to get it back on track quickly.



Praise comes to you from all sides for your recent efforts. Don't let it go to your head, Aries. There is much left to do. A news piece encourages you to get more involved in the community.



The fur flies at home, Taurus, and you must work quickly to resolve it. An opportunity ripens; pick it before it's too late. The truth comes out at work.



Making peace is never easy, Gemini, but the time has come. Reconciliation is long past due. A wish is granted; be grateful. A note piques your curiosity.



Fishing for information is not the way, Cancer. Ask and you will receive. A little time apart from a friend puts everything into perspective.



The tide changes at work, Leo, and you are given the green light for a project. Push full steam ahead and ignore your critics. You will prove them wrong.



Ignorance is bliss this week, Virgo. Keep to yourself and stay away from all of the fodder. The less you know, the less likely you are to get into trouble.



Whoa, Libra. You've taken on too many requests as it is. Learn to say no, or risk complete failure. A chance meeting results in a very lucrative opportunity.



Time to get your facts straight, Scorpio. The rumor mill is in high gear, and you don't want to add fuel to the fire. Special times with friends and family boost your spirits.



Aw shucks, Sagittarius. Your run of good luck comes to an end, but that doesn't mean you have to be a worrier. Play it safe, and life will continue to treat you well.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK



SO-EASY BBQ-GLAZED CHICKEN

Ingredients:

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| 1/2 cup zesty Italian dressing, divided | 1/4 cup barbecue sauce |
| 4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves | 2 Tbsp. orange marmalade |

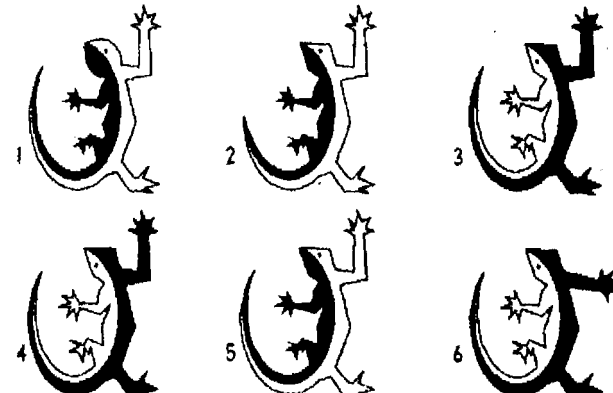
Directions: Heat grill to medium heat. Pour 1/4 cup dressing over chicken in shallow dish; turn over to coat both sides of each breast. Refrigerate 10 min. Meanwhile, mix barbecue sauce, marmalade and remaining dressing. Remove chicken from dressing; discard dressing. Grill chicken on covered grill 12 to 15 min. or until done (165°F), turning occasionally and brushing with barbecue sauce mixture the last few minutes.

Prep Time: 5 min. Total Time: 30 min.

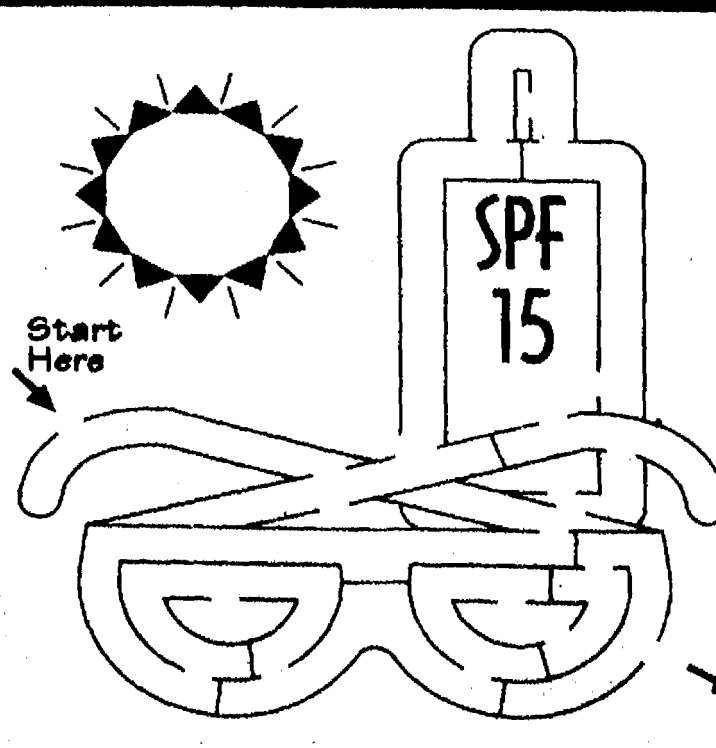
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2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced in July. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/09tf/1)

RENT TO OWN my river-front home on the East Branch of the AuSable River. Take a look at this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in a peaceful setting surrounded by woods and wildlife, located one mile from Grayling. Call 989-348-2083 for an appointment. (6/25/09tf/1)

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

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5 ACRE RIVER FRONT property. Quite 2 bed, 2 bath modular home, large patio and yard. \$525/month includes snow plow. Deposit and references required. Call 989-348-9676 email nate.foster@comcast.net. (-18-25-2-9/2)

1. Real Estate

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 Grayling
 5728 M-72 West
 (989) 348-7440

2. For Rent

EFFICIENCY CABIN, close to town, one bedroom, \$395 per month, \$395 security, \$50 cleaning fee, utilities not included. No pets. 348-5124. (-9/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE - 1 full bath, range and refrigerator. No pets. \$350 a month plus security deposit, tenant pays utilities. 989-348-4716. (-25/2tf)

HALL FOR RENT with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (LR-8/20/09/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-9-16-23-30/2)

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FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment upstairs in downtown Grayling. Lease plus security deposit. 989-348-2833. (-25-2-9-16/2)

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, 1/2 mile from Bear Lake \$450 a month plus \$300 deposit. Call 231-275-6887. (-2-9/2)

2 BEDROOM IN TOWN within walking distance, clean and neat. \$450 per month, plus utilities. 989-732-3828. (-9-16/2)

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1. Real Estate

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2. For Rent

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2 BEDROOM MOBILE 2 car garage no pets \$500 plus \$500 deposit, utilities not included. Call after 5 p.m. 989-348-3956. (-2-9/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-2-9/2)

CHARMING, FURNISHED, 2 bedroom 1 bath home with attached one car garage in wooded country setting on 6 acres. Cable, washer/dryer. Perfect for one or two people. 10 miles south of Grayling, 6 miles west of Roscommon, near Higgins Lake. Convenient to I-75 and US-127. \$450 per month, security deposit, credit check, rent & employer references required. Non smokers only. Please call 678-910-0886. (-2-9-16/2)

2 BEDROOM 2 bath home in Grayling, available second week of July. Full basement, attached garage and fenced yard. \$800 plus deposit. Call 605-786-3642. References required and pets OK with deposit. (-9-16/2)

FOR RENT very nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house with lake view. \$650/month plus deposit and lease. 348-4443. (7/9/09tf/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE downtown \$350/month plus deposit and lease. 348-4443. (7/9/09tf/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

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2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT with garage, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer included. 348-8471. (-9-16-23/2)

FOR RENT NICE 2 Bedroom, 1 bath home in town. Available Aug. \$575 per month plus utilities. \$500 deposit. 989-348-2142. (-9-16-23/2)

AVAILABLE TO RENT July 17, 2009. Spacious two bedroom lower unit located near middle school. Nicely furnished including large screen TV, cable, new washer and dryer and more. Lawn care and snow removal also included. \$600 per month plus electric and half the water bill. Security deposit required. Non Smokers, no pets. Call 989-745-6129 or 989-745-3563 for more information. (-9-16-23/2)

I AM LOOKING FOR a clean 3-4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with garage, close to town. Call 348-2083. (-9-16/2)

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FOR RENT 4 BEDROOM, 1 bath on 5 acres, available Aug. 1, 989-786-4716. (-25-2-9-16/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM apartments located in town. Call 989-370-2745 or 989-710-1194. (-25/2tf)

3. Employment



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MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

3. Employment

WANTED PART-TIME COOK, nights & weekends, Grayling Restaurant. Interviews 3 - 4 pm, Thursday, July 9. 211 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling. (-9/3)

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 10888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-11-18-25-2-9-16-23-30/3)

EMPLOYEES to cut, split, bundle, sell firewood at state parks, clean motel rooms, sell USDA beef, pork, chicken, seafood. If you are qualified to do any of the above, call Marty Lozon 390-3930. (-2-9/3)

\$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS, lots of overtime, no strikes, no layoffs, \$1,600 - \$2,400/month to start. Due to summer rush, we are now expanding throughout northern Michigan. Call now 989-732-2175. (-9/3)

4. Services Offered

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3. Employment

4. Services Offered

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

ROOFING, ROOFING, ROOFING All shingle, new construction, tear-offs, residential, commercial, emergency work welcome. Licensed and insured. 20 years experience. Free estimates. 989-348-5817, 989-390-1526. (LR7/30/09/4)

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LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09tf/4)

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4. Services Offered

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5. For Sale

DUNE BUGGY \$600, Windows XP \$75, Windows 98 SE computer \$30, scanner \$10, printer \$8. 989-348-7506. (-9/5)

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5. For Sale

NEW APPLIANCES not in your budget? Call Paul for service and good used appliances, 348-0167. (-2-9/5)

HIDE A BED full size neutral colors, like new \$75. Call 989-821-6492. (-2-9/5)

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6. Wanted

WOW Don will pay you \$100 to \$200 for your junk vehicle. 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (4/2/09tf/6)

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WANTED Junk vehicles, will haul, paying cash. Call Gene at Wakeley's Auto Parts, 989-348-5079. (LR10/8/09/6)

WANTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS needing community service hours to help with the Annual Crawford County Library Canoe Marathon Book Sale. Book Sale will be held Wednesday July 22 -Saturday July 25. Volunteers may sign up at the Devereaux Memorial Library 201 Plum Street. (-25 -9/6)

8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

HALL FOR RENT American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-9-23-6-20-3-17-15-29-12-26-10-24/8)

FICK & SONS JULY STIMULUS We will offer special propane prices again during the month of July. These prices are available at our Grayling, West Branch, Mikado and Houghton Lake offices as well as Charlie's Country Corner. 20 lb. - \$10, 30 lb. - \$17 and 100 lb. - \$55. New customer special and current customers lock in prices are still available. Don't wait for prices to increase. We do not charge fuel surcharges, hazmat fees or administration fees. Please call 800-292-9295 for details and thank you for your business. Open Saturday 9 am - noon. (-2-9-16-23-30/8)

8. Announcements

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE call Ron at 989-348-6761. (7/4/09tf/8)

\$9.95 A DOZEN wrapped carnations at Flowers By Josie for the month of July. You can treat a friend or two at this price. Cash and carry. (-2-9-16-23-30/8)

ESSENCE OF BEAUTY SALON announces Kristen Dasho to our staff of stylists at 110 Ottawa, 348-5811 for appointment, walk-ins welcome. (-9/8)

9. Personals

Happy Birthday Papa Monty!
on July 11th
Love,
your girls Lexi,
Cali, & Mylee
Koxs

9. Personals

Birthday, Birthday number nine.
Your 4th grade days will sure be fine!
Happy Birthday Bailey Lynn!
Love you,
Grandma & Grandpa Millikin

Happy 4th Birthday Lexi
Love Mom, Dad, Cali, Mylee, Nana & Papa D'Amour and Nana & Papa Wolcott

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CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

8. Announcements

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to attend the Home Shoppers Showcase and Crawford AuSable Soccer Association Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Shop from among your favorite "stores" Avon, Gold Canyon Candles, Kats Coffees, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, PartyLite, Tastefully Simple, and more!! Prizes will be given away every hour. Admission is free. (-9-16/8)

9. Personals

THANK YOU to all our dear friends of the Grayling area, and VFW Post #4159, for all your help and condolences regarding the passing of my beloved husband, Lawrence L. Robichaud. Sincerely, Lilly A. Robichaud (-9/9)

10. Garage Sales

FRI. JULY 10 & Sat. July 11, 8:30 am - 6 pm. 7072 W. 4 Mile Rd. Piano & bench, wood lathe, household items, quilting supplies and much more. Something for everyone. (-9/10)

MOVING SALE no early sales, cash only starting July 10 & 11, 9 am - 4pm, Saturdays only July 18 & 25. 3687 Twin Pine Road off Wakeley. (-9-16-23/10)

GARAGE SALE July 10 & 11. Friday 10-4 & Sat. 10-2. McIntyres Landing off M-72 W. Teen clothes, Xmas decor, toys, shoes, twin bed combo, books, toy box, end tables, stereo equipment, antique tables, spawn figures, misc. (-9/10)

FRI AND SAT, 9-5 pm. 7732 West 4 mile Rd. Girls clothes, toys, dog kennel and lots of misc. (-9/10)

10. Garage Sales

JULY 9, 10, 11, 9 - 5, 623 E. M-72, 5.6 miles from Burger King.

GARAGE SALE 841 Little John Ave, Sherwood Forest, Sat 9 am - 4 PM. (-9/10)

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The biggest thing is with the economy being down nationwide and in Michigan, we're very pleased that we're going to have such a big turnout," Wakeley said. "We're going to be busy."

"That's a testament to Grayling," Lucey said, noting that participation in the other two Triple Crown races - the General Clinton Canoe Regatta in New York and Quebec's La Classique - has been declining, while participation in the AuSable Marathon has been increasing.

"The paddlers get treated like kings (in Grayling)," Lucey said. "Business people go out of their way to open up to them. That's why I think our race is so successful. It's a tribute to the Grayling community."

As participation in the marathon has recently gone up from the 60s into the 70s, and now into the 80s, Lucey said the committee has had discussions about possibly capping the number of teams.

"I'm sure we'll be discussing it more, but it's not something we want to do,"

Lucey said. "If we get 100 we may have to consider it."

Lucey said the main reason for considering a cap is the space at a variety of facilities used by the marathon.

"We're outgrowing our venues, it seems like," Lucey said.

One of the main adjustments this year caused by the increase in teams will be the expansion of the Time Trials for Starting Position.

Time Trials - a two-day event - will run from 3-9 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, and 2-6 p.m. on Friday, July 24. Time Trials has a new sponsor this year - Kirtland Community College.

The Paddler's Dinner - an event scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 24, at the Grayling Ramada Inn - will have a limited number of tickets this year. This year's Paddler's Dinner raffle prizes will include a bicycle and a professional, lightweight canoe paddle.

Lucey said economic conditions have had some negative effects on the marathon's sponsorship revenue, but - overall - the race is doing well this year.

"Overall, revenue is down

a little, but we've positioned ourselves to be in just as of good shape as last year," Lucey said. "Next year might be tough. It seems like we've lost a couple of associate sponsors, but we've made that up with some of the other things we've been doing."

The ongoing I-75 Business Loop reconstruction project in Grayling isn't expected to have a big impact on this year's race.

"MDOT has assured us there will be two lanes open all festival week. They're not going to be working. That's the plan," Lucey said. "It's just a matter of getting around town. Hopefully people will be able to move around freely. Getting people out of town safely on Saturday may be an issue."


The 62nd Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. Teams will reach the finish line in Oscoda 14 to 19 hours later.

Lucey, the Chairman of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee, will also be paddling in this year's race. He's racing with his wife, Cheryl. It will be his seventh marathon.

"It's easier to be in the boat than to run along the river bank," Lucey said. "The chair is a spokesperson, keep the committee on task, those kinds of things. The committee is well organized, well structured. A lot of people have been involved for a long time that know what they're doing, which allows me to get in the river."

Lucey said the event's numerous volunteers - people that perform a variety of tasks for the race throughout the year - are a big asset.

"It's getting bigger every year and more and more people get involved. That's great," Lucey said.



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